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/DE/	A	266,632	10/1882	McCormick			
	B	268,832	12/1882	Danforth			
	C	1,756,670	4/29/30	Treat			
	D	2,246,495	6/41	Alessi et al.			
	E	3,851,359	12/74	Wilson			
	F	4,044,429	8/77	Wagner			
	G	4,346,869	8/82	MacNeill			
	H	4,390,019	6/83	LeVeen et al.			
	I	4,430,997	2/84	DiGiovanni et al.			
	J	4,835,824	6/89	Durham, et al.			

  

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	B	5,022,126	6/91	Davis			
	C	5,049,153	9/91	Nakao et al.			
	D	5,099,827	3/92	Melzer et al.			
	E	5,156,609	10/92	Nakao et al.			
	F	5,159,730	11/92	Radvin			
	G	5,174,276	12/29/92	Crockard			
	H	5,222,961	6/29/93	Nakao et al.			
	I	5,271,543	12/21/93	Grant et al.			
	J	5,354,306	10/11/94	Garvey, III et al.			
	K	5,366,459	11/22/94	Yoon			

  

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	B	5,312,434	5/94	Crainich			
	C	5,354,312	10/94	Brinkerhoff et al.			
	D	5,361,463	11/94	Revis			
	E	5,383,880	1/95	Hooven			
	F	5,389,104	2/95	Hahnen et al.			
	G	5,395,369	3/7/95	McBrayer et al.			
	H	5,395,030	3/7/95	Kuramoto et al.			
	I	5,425,740	6/20/95	Hutchinson Jr.			
	J	5,439,479	8/8/95	Shichman et al.			
	K	5,441,509	8/15/95	Vidal et al.			

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	B	5,464,416	11/7/95	Steckel			
	C	5,474,570	12/95	Kockerling et al.			
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/DE/	A	5,632,753	5/27/97	Loeser			
	B	5,657,519	8/97	Smith			
	C	5,707,392	1/98	Kortenbach			
	D	5,716,374	2/98	Francese et al.			
	E	5,769,857	6/98	Reztzov et al.			
	F	5,775,345	7/98	Chou			
	G	5,779,718	7/14/98	Green et al.			
	H	5,792,150	8/11/98	Pratt et al.			

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	C	5,865,724	2/99	Palmer et al.			
	D	5,871,488	2/99	Tovey et al.			
	E	5,891,156	4/99	Gessner et al.			
	F	5,904,693	5/18/99	Dicesare et al.			
	G	5,937,488	8/99	Geiger			
	H	6,001,110	12/14/99	Adams			
	I	6,013,095	1/00	Ouchi			
	J	6,086,600	7/11/00	Kortenbach			
	K	6,129,683	10/00	Sutton et al.			

  

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/DE/	A	6,162,233	12/00	Williamson et al.			
	B	6,238,414	5/01	Griffiths			
	C	6,269,819	8/01	Oz et al.			
	D	6,387,041	5/02	Harai et al.			
	E	6,425,900	7/02	Knodel et al.			
	F	6,569,085	5/03	Kortenbach et al.			
	G	6,560,488	5/03	Crawford			
	H	6,578,759	6/03	Ortiz			
	I	6,716,226	4/04	Sixto, Jr. et al.			
	J	6,824,548	11/04	Smith et al.			
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